



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

City of Seattle, Washington

Project No. 553-238

Notice Of Availability Of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 F.R. 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed an application submitted by the City of Seattle, Washington to construct a replacement fuel dock and associated infrastructure at Diablo Lake at the Skagit River Project No. 553. The Skagit River Project is located on the Skagit River in Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom counties, Washington. The project occupies a portion of the Ross Lake National Recreation Area administered by the U.S. National Park Service and the Mount Baker National Forest administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

An environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared as part of staff's review of the proposal.¹ The EA contains Commission staff's analysis of the probable environmental effects of the proposed action and concludes that approval of the proposal, with Commission staff's recommended measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "elibrary" link. Enter the docket number (P-553) in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll-free at 1-866-208-3372, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the issuance date of this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. Paper filings made using the U.S. Postal Service should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville,

¹ On July 16, 2020, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) issued a final rule, *Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act* (Final Rule, 85 Fed. Reg. 43,304), which was effective as of September 14, 2020; however, the NEPA review of this project was in process at that time and was prepared pursuant to CEQ's 1978 NEPA regulations.

Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number **P-553-238**. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

DATED: May 25, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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